

ALL SOULS CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7



December 17, 2023

All Souls Catholic Parish

The Communities of St. Ann, St. James, & St. John Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor Reverend Joseph Kaye, Associate Pastor

St. Ann Church & Parish Office

3010 Ridge Road, Lansing 708.895-6700/708-895-6877 (Fax)

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Confessions

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.

Adoration

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Followed by Rosary on Weekdays

Communion Service

Monday: 7:30 a.m.

Morning Mass

Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Mass

4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

www.allsoulscatholicparish.org

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708-895-6700 x114

St. Vincent DePaul: 708-745-4760

Please call the office:

- for baptism (2nd & 4th Sundays), marriage, anointing of the sick, quinceañeras, and RCIA/ RCIY
- for Ministry of Care to the homebound or hospitalized
- to request prayers for the sick
- if you are grieving for a loved one

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Click "Find Your Charity" and search for All Souls Catholic Parish, visit **givecentral.org/location/100** or scan the handy QR code here.





In these difficult economic times, know that the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann is here to assist you in your time of need. All information is kept confidential. Please do not wait until matters become insurmountable. Please call 708 -745-4760.

New Members Welcome!

We would love to have you join us! Please fill out the information below, and place in the Offertory Collection or send to the Parish Office. You may also request a registration form at 708-895-6700 or register on our website at >About >Becoming a Parishioner

Name		
Address	Street	Town/Zip
	- Circle	10W11/21P
email		

Once you register and have a number assigned, you will be able to receive envelopes and play the weekly 50/50.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 18 Tuesday, December 19

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Judy & Mathias Schaefer (Mickey Hillegonds)

Thursday, December 21

(St. Peter Canisius)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Friday, December 22

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Saturday, December 23

(St. John of Kanty) 4:00 p.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Sunday, December 24

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

The 2024 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the office FMI or to schedule Mass intentions.

The suggested donation is \$10.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-

48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-

28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13,

18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3

-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab,

5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk

1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5,

6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-

5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-

66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/

Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

This Week's Activities

Monday, December 18						
Communion Service Rosary Adoration Religious Education Legion of Mary (Spanish)	7:30am 8:00am 8:00am - 6:00pm 4:00 - 5:30pm 7:00pm	Chapel Chapel Chapel Classrooms Parish Office				
Tuesday, December 19						
Daily Mass Followed by Rosary	7:30am	Chapel				
Wednesday, December 20						
Daily Mass Followed by Rosary A.A. Meeting	7:30am 8:00pm	Chapel Parish Hall				
Thursday, December 21						
Daily Mass Followed by Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet Adoration A&E Christmas Decorating TOPS Meeting Sharing the Scripture	7:30am 8:0am 8:00am - 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Chapel Chapel Chapel Church Parish Office Parish Office				
Friday, December 22						
Daily Mass Followed by Rosary RCIA	7:30am 7:00pm	Church Parish Office				
Saturday, December 23						
Bereavement Group Confessions Mass	11:00am 3:00pm 4:00pm	Chapel Chapel Church				
Sunday, December 24 FO	URTH SUNDAY	OF ADVENT				
Masses A&E Christmas Decorating Shepherds & Angels Mass	8:30 & 10:30am 11:30am 4:00pm	Church Church				

For parish updates, please visit the website & click on the Calendar tab: www.allsoulscatholicparish.org

11:30pm

12:00am

To add to the calendar or to schedule the Narthex or other meeting spaces, please visit the Parish Office to fill out a request form.

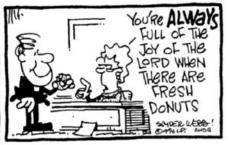
All activities MUST be on the calendar in case of emergency.

3º SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Choral Preludes

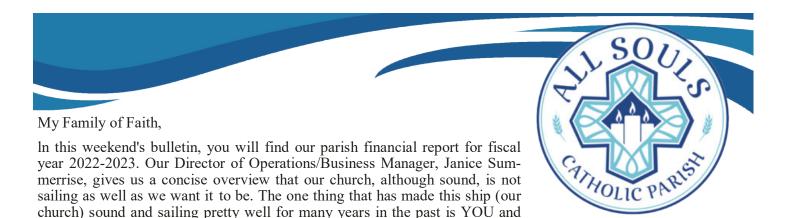
Midnight Mass





Church

Church



We have always counted on you sharing your time, and talent, and treasure. Being good stewards is what allows us to participate in the creative work of God in His world. It's a very humbling thought - that God takes our small efforts and creates something marvelous from them.

If we read the Gospels carefully, we find generosity in all of them and see that all the great figures that emerge are generous. During this Advent and Christmas season, we hear again and again Mary's response to God when the angel appeared to her—an incredible act of faith, surrender, and generosity. The Magi, traveling from afar with gifts for the Christ Child, were generous. The centurion begging Jesus to cure his servant was generous. The first 12 apostles' leaving everything to follow Jesus was an incredibly generous gesture. And then there is Jesus Himself. His first miracle in Cana was not a miracle of need; it was a miracle of abundance and generosity. Through His life, Jesus served people by teaching them, feeding them, healing them, providing spiritual leadership, and comforting them. Finally, in His suffering and death on the cross, Jesus laid down His life for us in the ultimate act of generosity. The Gospels are a story about the triumph of generosity.

Generosity is at the heart of the Christian life, just as it is at the heart of the Gospel. For it is often through our generosity that we are able to bring the love of God to life for others in very real and tangible ways. God is, by His very nature, generous. God wants to convince us of His generosity, and in tum wants us to live generous lives.

But the world often doesn't see it that way. Not surprisingly, again we stumble here upon the great divide between the way of the world and the life God invites us to live. While God is inviting us to a joyful life of selfless generosity, the world is trying to seduce us into an all-encompassing selfishness. While our financial position is not down the drain, it's not encouraging either. It is sad that only fewer than 30% of those who are registered in our parish contribute to the offertory. Which voice do we hear? That of the world? Or of the Gospel?

I want to use this opportunity to thank all of you for the generous hands and hearts you have shown in paying for repairs to the school boiler and our church furnace. Almost everyone has seen the need for these both items, and I must say that, although we have not come to the finish line, we are really doing well. Thank you.

God invites us to a life of gratitude while the world fosters discontent. God proposes trust; the world arouses fear. God promotes giving; the world promotes getting. God invites us to cooperate with His providence while the world rallies behind self-determination. God appoints us to stewardship while the world pushes for ownership. The world encourages entitlement, when everything is a gift from God. God invites us to look out for our neighbor; the world tells us to look out for ourselves. God operates from abundance, the world from a place of scarcity. God created us out of generosity to live generous lives; the world encourages us to live a small, selfish life.

Generosity begins with gratitude. Are we grateful for all the blessings God has poured out upon each one of us? We are at our best when we are grateful, and gratitude is one of the leading indicators of good spiritual health. The world draws us into a conversation about all that we don't have, but God invites us into a conversation about all that we do have.

Thank you again to each and every one of you for all you do. May the good loving God continue to bless the work of your hands.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

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your generosity.

All Souls Catholic Parish Statement of Income & Expense June 30, 2023 Compared to June 2022

NET EXTRAORDINARY INCOME

All Souls Catholic Parish Statement of Assets, Liabilities & Equity June 30, 2023 Compared to June 2022

June 30,2022

256,096 240,647 4,267

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(\$4,251,720)

\$40,172

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OPERATING INCOME	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	ASSETS	June 30, 2023
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	416.268	501,143		
Christmas Collection	22,213	26,239	Operating Account Operation Saving at the Arch	262,533
Easter Collection	33,463	23,122		102,254
Other Collections	31,560	35.091	Savings	765.158
Tuition Religious Education	21,026	19.528	Other Current Assets	(25,517.00)
Fees Religious Education	1.475	3,405	TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY O	(20,011.00)
Lease and/or Rental Income	1,275	766	Total Assets	\$1,104,428,00
Fundraising Net Income	27.655	27.454		
Interest & Investment Income	2.763	1.437		
Auxiliary Groups	145	(505)	LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Miscellaneous Income	39,646	89.025	Liabilities	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$597,489	\$715,860		
ODERATING EVERYOPE			Accounts Payable	70,793
OPERATING EXPENSES	272.045	250.042	Procurement Card	203
Salaries	272,045	350,643	Liabilities	203
Health Insurance-Employer Paid	22,700	35,996	Liabilities	
Employer FICA	14,747	19,284	Other Payroll Withholdings	-
Other Benefits	11,981	9,542	SBA - PPP Proceeds	-
24 12 4		49.455	Principal/Interest Due on	4750 504
Professional Growth	233	27,863	Loan Total Lightitian	4,756,594
Books and Non-Liturgical	15,179	10,933	Total Liabilities	\$4.827.590
Administrative Expenses	56,636	65,200	Net Assets	(62 722 452)
Transportation	153	85	Net Assets	(\$3,723,162)
Food Service & Meals Utilities	20,903	12,343		
	102,859 135,319	128,076 126,371	EQUITY	
Maintenance & Building Repairs	122.231		Opening Bal Equity	(\$4,251,720)
Interest Expense Altar & Liturgical Supplies	15.536	121,008 18.137	Retained Earnings	\$31,755
Furnishings & Equipment	525	7.148	retailed carings	451,755
Archdiocesan Assessment	101.172	104.694	Total Income	\$496.803
PRMAA Assessment	35,412	41,155	rotal moonie	\$450,000
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Property/Casualty Insurance	99,521	88,675	EQUITY	\$1.104.428
Auto Insur-Priest Owned Vehicle	1,493	-		
Miscellaneous	10,523	9,120		
Unallocated Procure Card Trans	40	1,276		
Total Expenses	\$1,039,208	\$1,177,549		
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(\$441,719)	(\$461,689)	OTATIO ANIMADUM	
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME			STATUS ANIMARUM	
Insurance Recovery	4.500			June 30, 2023
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Sharing Collections Other Parish	14.166	14.300	PARISHIONER FAMILES	819
Arch Required Collections	18,466	14,813	NUMBER OF PARISHIONER	1585
			RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	
Estates, Bequests & Memorials	4,265	5,182	ENROLLMENT	136
Other Extraordinary Income	2,713	458,157	BAPTISM	30
Sale of Property	951,198	-	PROFESSION OF FAITH	0
Fund Collections	2,903	8.250	FIRST COMMUNION	43
Capital Collections Building Fund	60,972	29,709	CONFIRMATION	54
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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES				1385
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Arch Required Collections	18,466	14,813	Thanks to you, our	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH
Capital Improvement Expenses	87,713		#GIVINGTUESDAY	WE DID IT
Extraordinary Expenses	486	(563)		GI W IN
Total Extraordinary Expenses	120,661	28,550	campaign to raise funds	The second secon
Net Other Income	938,522	501,861	for All Souls maintenance	TLIFSDA
			needs brought in \$3.555 a	ICLODI
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campaign to raise funds for All Souls maintenance needs brought in \$3,555 a 29% increase over 2022!

Thank you so much to everyone who donated and/or spread the word. You made a diffeerence!



40,172

496,803

WEEKLY MONEY

12-3-2023 **MATTERS**

ONLINE/GIVE CENTRAL: \$ 785.00 DROP OFF/MAIL IN: \$ 6,608.32

7,393.32

50-50 Club: \$ 545.00 Building Fund: \$ 1,344.00

Thank you for your continued support!
Figures include all collection basket, mailed-in,
dropped-off, and online contributions.

ALL SOULS SPLIT \$ ~ 50/50 CLUB ~ \$

Our December 3 winning number was #1884. #1884 WOULD HAVE WON \$272.50. DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

To be eligible, both your 50-50 (\$5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least \$5) with separate payments must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday.

You may make your 50-50 donation at Give Central, along with your weekly and other contributions! If you donate by check, you need to write two separate checks.



CHRISTMAS

We are now accepting In Memoriam donations for the beautiful Christmas decor that will adorn All Souls/St. Ann during the holiday season—there is a donor envelope in your packet, or you may indicate on a plain envelope in whose honor you are making your gift.

If you prefer to give electronically, there is a link on our Give Central site:

www.givecentral.org/location/100/allevents

Be sure to call the office or email pamlep3010@gmail.com with the name of your memorial intention. Likewise, the link for Christmas offerings is now live at the same Give Central site. Thank you for your generosity.



- ◆ Squares sales through the end of the year will wrap up this weekend, but will resume for post-season games after the holidays. Thank you so much for your support—all proceeds go to the Furnace Fund.
- ◆ Special thanks to Rita McDonald for offering her collection of angels after Masses December 2 & 3. Happy donors took home some lovely pieces, and Mrs. McDonald gifted the Furnace Fund the entire \$263 she earned in donations!
- → Do you wish to have a Mass said for someone, but find it difficult to come into the office during business hours? Simply call us at 708.895.6700 to schedule your times, dates, and locations, and you may send your donation in through the collection basket or Give Central. The requested donation is \$10 per intention.
- ★ We are still seeking 8th grade class photos for the years 1991 and 2006 in order to complete the kiosk of St. Ann School class photos in the Narthex. If you have either of these or know someone who does, we would be very grateful for the opportunity to scan it so that we may make a print. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements: 708.895.6700.

ALL SOULS PARISH Holy Souls Bereavement Ministry Will Meet in the Day Chapel DECEMBER 23

Every Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Every Fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Our Bereavement Ministry is a faith-based group that provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved

one to deal with their grief in an atmosphere of care. Let us join you on your grief journey to offer comfort, encouragement, and understanding.

All are welcome and no registration is required.

Please call 708-895-6700 FMI.





Raffle Gift WEEKEND

16-17 DEC AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE NARTHEX

RAFFLE TICKETS MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS!

We all have people in our lives who are difficult to shop for, or who just don't need anything. Why not gift them a Furnace Fund Raffle Ticket? Going to a party, and struggling to think of a unique hostess gift? A raffle ticket is a thoughtful solution! Plus, if you purchase a FF Raffle Ticket to give as a gift this weekend, you will also receive a FREE St. Ann ornament and an All Souls pen to give along with the ticket or keep for yourself!

We are pleased to announce that we are nearly a third of the way to our sales goal. FMI about why we are raising funds for the furnace, see page 10 of the bulletin. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to chat with your Furnace Fund Raffle committee members: Ted Cap, Jennifer Gray, Dan Podgorski, and Janice Summerrise. Looking for more tickets? They are always available by calling the office at 708.895.6700. Thank you, thank you for your support and participation. Together we will Warm All Souls!



Upcoming Events

Raffle Gift Weekend: December 16-17

Sewing Club Raffle: December 16-17

Church Christmas Decorating: December 21

RE Parents' Gathering: January 7

Family Mass/Children's Liturgy: January 7

Furnace Fund Early Bird Drawing #2: January 28

Scout Sunday: February 4

RE Parents' Gathering: February 4

Family Mass/Children's Liturgy: February 4

Advent & Christmas Season 2023

Christmas

December 24

- → 4:00 p.m. Shepherds & Angels Mass
- + 11:30 p.m. Preludes 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

December 25

→ 10:30 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary

December 31

→ 4:00 p.m. Mass January 1

♦ 10:30 a.m. Mass





Merry Christmas &

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The St. Ann Sewing Club is raffling a big dog pillow, a quilt, and two beautiful handmade wreaths in the Narthex after Masses this weekend, December 16 & 17.

Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for six, and \$10 for ten, and proceeds will benefit the Furnace Fund.

JOIN THE CREW AND HELP US DECORATE ALL SOULS FOR CHRISTMAS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 6:00 P.M.

The more, the merrier! Each year, our talented Art & Environment team transforms the Church into a beautiful and joyful atmosphere for

Christmas. Would you like to participate in this meaningful endeavor that brings happiness to so many? We will gather at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20 to execute the plan for the altar and sanctuary that includes hanging banners and wreaths, assembling and lighting trees, and erecting the manger. Won't you join us? This is a great opportunity for those needing service hours, families to spend time together, and to meet new people. Plus, there will be snacks! We hope to see you— please call the Parish Office at 708.895.6700 for more information.



All are invited to spend prayerful time with the Eucharist in the St. Ann Day Chapel between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

When exposed, the Eucharist must be attended at all times. Do you have an hour or two per week to spend in attendance of the Eucharist? Call the Parish Office any time to let us know your preferred days/times so that we may add you to the Adoration schedule: 708.895.6700





All through Advent,
Oplatki Christmas wafers
will be available for
purchase in the Narthex
after all Masses, or you
can ask a sacristan
before Mass. A \$2
donation is suggested.

Parish Prayer Tree

This group of men and women led by Debbie Wright takes some time every day at their own homes to pray for the needs of our parishioners and friends. Simply email your special intentions to Debbie at debndnut@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 708-895-6700 with your prayer requests, and we will pass them on to all of our Prayer Tree participants.

If you would like to join our Prayer/Phone Tree, please email Debbie. Should you need prayers for longer than 30 days, please call and reconfirm.

your request at the beginning of each month.

IMPORTANT ~ IMPORTANT ~ IMPORTANT Special Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to holiday office closures, our bulletin publisher has moved up the deadline for all of the December issues, and the deadlines have already passed for all of them. We apologize for any inconvenience and will resume regular 10-day advance deadlines after the holidays (December 28 for the January 7 bulletin). Thank you for your understanding and attention!



Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Advent • John 1:6-8, 19-28



Draw a picture of yourself being honest and kind with your family.



GOSPEL

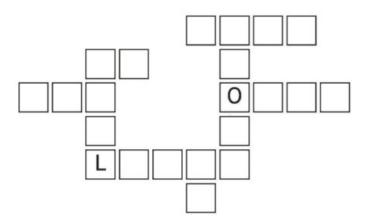
People noticed John the Baptist. He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted to help people change and grow closer to God. He stood out as someone really different and special. People came from all around to hear him and learn about him. When people asked him questions, he pointed them to Jesus.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to be different because I love you.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares: **He came only to tell about the light.**





Ask a friend if he or she is ready to meet Jesus.

ALL SOULS PARISH 2023 FURNACE FUND

We are proud to warm the more than 800 souls in our parish community by keeping the flame of faith burning. But we need to keep our bodies warm (and cool!) as well.

The HVAC system in the church was installed when it was built in 1997. The furnace and a/c unit servicing the west side of the church has failed and is obsolete. We must replace the west

unit entirely in order to keep our congregation comfy year-round.

Replacement Cost: \$40,000 Installation: \$10,000



The former school building will soon become a source of rental revenue and houses our 140+ Religious Education students. We have been advised to maintain the current boiler with the following necessary updates.



Burner Unit for Boiler: \$21,000 Replacement Vacuum Unit: \$9,000 Installation: \$20,000

TOTAL OF REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS: \$100,000

Help us fuel our future by purchasing/selling raffle tickets, making a donation at www.givecentral.org/location/100 or by mailing a check to All Souls Parish,









LANSING LOAN CLOSI

The Lansing Loan Closet (formerly housed at the Lansing Municipal Center), loans gently used medical equipment to area residents on a short-term, temporary basis

FOR DONATION DROP-OFF or TO BORROW **EQUIPMENT:**

Call Trinity Lutheran Church at (708) 474-7997 or email: church@TrinityLutheranLansing.com

Are Von Experiencing Temporary or Long-Term Food Insecurity?

The Lansing Community Food Pantry is here to help. Open to

Lansing residents and non-residents who are members of Lansing churches, Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lansing Assembly Church, 2990 Ridge Road. Please call for an initial appointment: 708.466.9298



Honor Flight Chicago's mission is to thank and pay tribute to senior war veterans by bringing them to Washington, D.C., for a day of honor and remembrance at no cost to them. Do you know someone who is a senior

war veteran? Visit www.honorflightchicago.org to learn more about how you can refer them for an upcoming flight, volunteer your time or donate to the cause.

Did you graduate from Elizabeth Seton High School in 1975?

If so, your classmates are looking for you! Plans for a 50th reunion to take place in 2025 are underway. On Facebook, search for the group Seton Academy 50th Reunion Class of 1975 and click "Join." Not on Facebook? Not a problem. Simply email us at seton50reunion2025@gmail.com



Your Class of '75 Reunion Committee looks forward to hearing from you!

You Are Invited on a 14-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome, May 6-19, 2024

The \$4,950 per person package includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Entry fees to all sites
- 5 Star hotels
- Air-conditioned motor coaches
- Two meals per day
- Catholic tour guides
- Farewell dinner



This inspirational journey Joseph with Msgr. Ntuwa (from Hampstead, NC) and Fr. Mark Kalema



will strengthen your faith and help you feel closer to God while walking the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will celebrate daily mass at the major sites.

Day by day itinerary brochures are available in the Narthex. Questions and concerns may be directed to our tour operator: 708-307-5875

Question: Why is it so important that we register at All Souls? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer: Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering at All Souls is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Call the Office at 708.895.6700 or register at www.allsoulscatholicparish.org/about/ becoming-a-parishioner/register/



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